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Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION NOTICE, THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION  
PLAN, CARRIERS, THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER  
MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (a) A motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this chapter shall  
5 expire in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner.  
6 If the expiration date of the registration of the motor vehicle, except the  
7 registration of a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire,  
8 falls on any day when the offices of the commissioner are closed for  
9 business, the registration shall be deemed valid for the operation of the  
10 motor vehicle until midnight of the next day on which the offices of the  
11 commissioner are open for business. The commissioner shall prescribe  
12 the date and manner of renewing registrations. Not less than thirty  
13 days prior to the expiration of any valid registration, the department

14 shall send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner  
15 determines, an application for renewal to the registrant. In the case of a  
16 motor vehicle registered to a leasing company licensed pursuant to  
17 section 14-15, the department may send or transmit, in such manner as  
18 the commissioner determines, an application for renewal of a leased  
19 vehicle to the lessee of such vehicle. If a registrant is prohibited from  
20 renewing a registration for failing to comply with one or more  
21 provisions of law or owes fines or fees to the department related to any  
22 motor vehicle owned or leased by the registrant or pursuant to  
23 subsection (f) of section 14-50, the department may send or transmit, in  
24 lieu of a renewal application, a notice that describes the compliance  
25 issue or the type and amount of any fee or fine owed and states that  
26 the registrant's registration will not be renewed until the compliance  
27 issue is resolved or the fee or fine is paid in full. The commissioner  
28 shall not be required to send or transmit a registrant's or lessee's  
29 application or notice by mail if the United States Postal Service has  
30 determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for  
31 such person that is in the records of the department. Except for the  
32 processing of such application at an official emissions inspection  
33 station as provided in subsection (b) of this section or by telephone as  
34 provided in subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner may  
35 require that the application be returned electronically or by mail in  
36 order to be processed and approved, with only such exceptions, on a  
37 hardship basis, as shall be established by the commissioner in  
38 regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54.

39 Sec. 2. Section 14-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

41 For a fee of [six] seven dollars, the commissioner may furnish to  
42 each holder of a livery or taxicab registration an additional passenger  
43 motor vehicle number plate or set of number plates in accordance with  
44 the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b to be used on [such  
45 vehicle] the motor vehicle in livery service or taxicab when not  
46 engaged in public service business, provided such vehicle or taxicab  
47 meets the criteria for registration as a passenger vehicle under the

48 provisions of this chapter. [On and after July 1, 1992, the fee shall be  
49 seven dollars.]

50 Sec. 3. Section 14-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

52 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to enter into  
53 reciprocal agreements or plans on behalf of the state of Connecticut  
54 with the appropriate authorities of any of the states, territories or  
55 possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any state  
56 or province of any country providing for the registration of  
57 commercial vehicles on an apportionment or allocation basis, and may,  
58 in the exercise of this authority, enter into and become a member of the  
59 International Registration Plan developed by the American  
60 Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. Any such reciprocal  
61 agreement or plan may provide for, but shall not be limited to, the  
62 following: (1) Full reciprocity in accordance with such agreement or  
63 plan for commercial vehicles not based in Connecticut, operated solely  
64 in interstate commerce and of specified types or gross or unladen  
65 weights, in exchange for equivalent reciprocity for Connecticut based  
66 commercial vehicles; (2) reciprocal exchange of audits of records of the  
67 owners of such commercial vehicles by the states participating in any  
68 such agreement or plan; and (3) any other matters which would  
69 facilitate the administration of such agreement or plan, including  
70 exchange of information for audits, enforcement activities and  
71 collection and disbursement of proportional registration fees for other  
72 jurisdictions in the case of Connecticut based commercial vehicles.

73 (b) Any [reciprocity] reciprocal agreement, arrangement or  
74 declaration relating to commercial vehicles in effect between this state  
75 and any jurisdiction not a party to such reciprocal agreement or plan,  
76 or which relates to any matters not covered in such reciprocal  
77 agreement or plan shall continue in force and effect until specifically  
78 amended or revoked as provided by law.

79 (c) Notwithstanding any such agreement or plan, (1) any such

80 commercial vehicle garaged at any fixed location or which leaves from  
81 and returns to one or more points within this state in the normal  
82 course of operations, shall be taxable in this state as personal property  
83 in the town where such vehicle is garaged; (2) registration shall be  
84 denied to any such vehicle if any personal property taxes are unpaid  
85 with respect to such vehicle, as provided in section 14-33; and (3) any  
86 such vehicle based in this state shall be subject to the provisions of  
87 sections 14-12, 14-15, 14-15a, 14-16a and chapter 247.

88 (d) At such time as the state of Connecticut may enter into and  
89 become a member of the International Registration Plan pursuant to  
90 subsection (a) of this section, the provisions of said plan, as it may be  
91 amended from time to time, which are concerned with the registration  
92 of any vehicle or the fees which relate to any such registration shall  
93 control whenever any special act or any provision of the general  
94 statutes, except subsection (c) of this section, conflicts with any  
95 provision of said plan. A copy of the plan, as it may be amended from  
96 time to time, shall be maintained on file by the Commissioner of Motor  
97 Vehicles at the main office of the department, and shall be available for  
98 public inspection.

99 (e) If the International Registration Plan requires that a member  
100 jurisdiction accept registration or other documents under said plan in  
101 electronic format, the registrant may show a legible electronic image of  
102 such registration or document to any person who is required or  
103 authorized, in connection with such person's employment, to view  
104 such registration or document. If a registrant presents such registration  
105 or document by displaying an electronic image on a cellular mobile  
106 telephone or other electronic device, such person may not view, and  
107 offering such display shall not be construed to be consent for such  
108 person to view, any content on such telephone or electronic device  
109 other than the registration or document. No person who is required or  
110 authorized to view registrations or documents under said plan shall be  
111 liable for any damage to, or destruction of, a cellular mobile telephone  
112 or other electronic device provided to such person for the purpose of  
113 displaying an electronic image of a registration or document.

114        [(e)] (f) Any commercial vehicle that is required to be registered in  
 115 another jurisdiction shall not operate on any highway of the state  
 116 without being so registered. Any commercial vehicle that is registered  
 117 in any other jurisdiction and is eligible for registration on an  
 118 apportionment basis shall not be operated on any highway without  
 119 such registration or a seventy-two-hour trip permit registration issued  
 120 by the commissioner. Any person who owns any motor vehicle  
 121 operated in violation of this subsection shall be fined five hundred  
 122 dollars for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense, not less  
 123 than one thousand dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, except  
 124 if the motor vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than  
 125 sixty thousand pounds, such owner shall be fined one thousand  
 126 dollars for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense, not less  
 127 than two thousand dollars nor more than four thousand dollars.

128        Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is  
 129 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 130 *1, 2019*):

131        (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any  
 132 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the  
 133 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-  
 134 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-  
 135 198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g,  
 136 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section  
 137 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-  
 138 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-  
 139 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-  
 140 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or  
 141 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,  
 142 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection [(e)]  
 143 (f) of section 14-34a, as amended by this act, subsection (d) of section  
 144 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49, as amended by this act, 14-50a or 14-58,  
 145 subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g)  
 146 of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a, 14-  
 147 100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152, 14-153 or 14-163b, a first

148 violation as specified in subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-219  
149 as specified in subsection (e) of said section, subdivision (1) of section  
150 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-  
151 261a, section 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or  
152 14-279, subsection (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b,  
153 14-296aa, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-  
154 330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-  
155 25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section  
156 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of  
157 section 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17b-  
158 124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of  
159 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-  
160 219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-  
161 335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14,  
162 20-158, 20-231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-341l, 20-366, 20-597,  
163 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a,  
164 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section  
165 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-  
166 26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,  
167 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-  
168 154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, subsection (a)  
169 of section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g,  
170 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d,  
171 22-39e, 22-49 or 22-54, subsection (d) of section 22-84, section 22-89, 22-  
172 90, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-  
173 320h, 22-324a, 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-  
174 344, section 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or  
175 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-  
176 256h, section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section  
177 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b,  
178 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65,  
179 section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d,  
180 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-  
181 55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-  
182 61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87,

183 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128,  
 184 26-131, 26-132, 26-138 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186,  
 185 section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-  
 186 226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-  
 187 284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z  
 188 or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e) or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-  
 189 161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243  
 190 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-  
 191 381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16,  
 192 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48,  
 193 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69,  
 194 section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection  
 195 (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, subdivision (1) of section 35-20,  
 196 section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658,  
 197 subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24,  
 198 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-  
 199 252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-  
 200 331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of section 53-344b, or section 53-450, or (2)  
 201 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any  
 202 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,  
 203 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or  
 204 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes  
 205 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but  
 206 does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or  
 207 borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such  
 208 violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set  
 209 forth in this section.

210       Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-44 of the general statutes is  
 211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 212 *1, 2019*):

213       (b) No operator's license bearing a public passenger endorsement  
 214 shall be issued or renewed in accordance with the provisions of this  
 215 section or section 14-36a, until the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
 216 the commissioner's authorized representative, is satisfied that the

217 applicant is a proper person to receive such an operator's license  
218 bearing an endorsement, holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license,  
219 or, if necessary for the class of vehicle operated, a commercial driver's  
220 license and is at least eighteen years of age. Each applicant for an  
221 operator's license bearing a public passenger endorsement or the  
222 renewal of such a license shall furnish the [Commissioner of Motor  
223 Vehicles] commissioner, or the commissioner's authorized  
224 representative, with satisfactory evidence, under oath, to prove that  
225 such person has no criminal record and has not been convicted of a  
226 violation of section 14-227a or 14-227m or subdivision (1) or (2) of  
227 subsection (a) of section 14-227n within five years of the date of  
228 application and that no reason exists for a refusal to grant or renew  
229 such an operator's license bearing a public passenger endorsement.  
230 Each applicant for such an operator's license bearing a public  
231 passenger endorsement shall submit with the application proof  
232 satisfactory to the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner  
233 that such applicant has passed a physical examination administered  
234 not more than ninety days prior to the date of application [,] and  
235 [which is in compliance with safety regulations established from time  
236 to time by the United States Department of Transportation] meets the  
237 physical qualification standards set forth in 49 CFR 391, as amended  
238 from time to time. Each applicant for renewal of such license shall  
239 present evidence that such applicant is in compliance with the  
240 [medical qualifications] physical qualification standards established in  
241 49 CFR 391, as amended [, provided an applicant for a Class D  
242 operator's license bearing an endorsement described in subsection (c)  
243 of section 14-36a, shall be deemed medically qualified if such applicant  
244 (1) controls with medication, as certified by a licensed physician or a  
245 licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a medical condition that  
246 would otherwise deem such applicant not medically qualified, and (2)  
247 would qualify for a waiver or exemption under 49 CFR 391, as  
248 amended] from time to time. Each applicant for such an operator's  
249 license bearing a public passenger endorsement shall be fingerprinted  
250 before the license bearing a public passenger endorsement is issued.

251 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 14-44 of the general statutes is  
252 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
253 *1, 2019*):

254 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-10, the  
255 commissioner shall furnish to any board of education or to any public  
256 or private organization that is actively engaged in providing public  
257 transportation, including the transportation of school children, a report  
258 containing the names and motor vehicle operator license numbers of  
259 each person who has been issued an operator's license with one or  
260 more public passenger endorsements, authorizing such person to  
261 transport passengers in accordance with the provisions of section 14-  
262 36a, but whose license or any such public passenger endorsement has  
263 been withdrawn, suspended or revoked by the [Commissioner of  
264 Motor Vehicles] commissioner in accordance with the provisions of  
265 this section, or any other provision of this title. The report shall be  
266 issued and updated periodically in accordance with a schedule to be  
267 established by the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] commissioner.  
268 Such report may be transmitted or otherwise made available to  
269 authorized recipients by electronic means. [The commissioner shall  
270 ensure that each carrier, as defined in section 14-212, is reviewing such  
271 report, pursuant to section 14-276, by (1) conducting random  
272 compliance audits of carriers to determine whether a carrier is  
273 performing such review as prescribed by said section 14-276, (2)  
274 maintaining a record of each such review by a carrier for the prior two  
275 years, and (3) making such record publicly available upon request.]

276 Sec. 7. Section 14-276 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
277 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

278 (a) Registered school buses while transporting school children shall  
279 be operated by holders of a valid passenger and school endorsement  
280 issued in accordance with section 14-44, as amended by this act. Such  
281 endorsement shall be held in addition to the commercial driver's  
282 license required for the operation of such motor vehicles. A person  
283 who has attained the age of seventy shall be allowed to hold a

284 passenger and school endorsement for the purpose of operating a  
285 school bus, provided such person meets the minimum physical  
286 requirements set by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and agrees to  
287 submit to a physical examination at least twice a year or when  
288 requested to do so by the superintendent of the school system in which  
289 such person intends to operate a school bus. Any person to whom a  
290 town has awarded a contract for the transportation of school children  
291 who permits the operation of a registered school bus while  
292 transporting school children by any person who does not hold a  
293 passenger and school endorsement shall be fined not less than two  
294 thousand five hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars.

295 (b) Each carrier engaged in the transportation of students shall  
296 register with the Department of Motor Vehicles in a manner prescribed  
297 by the commissioner. Registration shall include the carrier's name,  
298 address and the name of the employee or agent assigned to perform  
299 the carrier's responsibilities under subsection (c) of this section.

300 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Not less than once during the first and third week of each  
301 month, a carrier shall review the report made by the Commissioner of  
302 Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of  
303 section 14-44, as amended by this act, with reference to the name and  
304 motor vehicle operator's license number of each person such carrier  
305 employs to operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275, or a  
306 student transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. If,  
307 according to such report, any such employee's motor vehicle operator's  
308 license or endorsement to operate a school bus or student  
309 transportation vehicle has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked,  
310 such carrier shall immediately prohibit such employee from operating  
311 a school bus or student transportation vehicle.

312 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any carrier who fails to register with the commissioner,  
313 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or review the report made by  
314 the commissioner, pursuant to subsection ~~[(b)]~~ (c) of this section, shall  
315 be subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars for the first  
316 violation, and two thousand five hundred dollars for each subsequent

317 violation. Any carrier who fails to take immediate action to prohibit  
318 the operation of a school bus or student transportation vehicle by an  
319 operator who appears on a report, pursuant to subsection [(b)] (c) of  
320 this section, shall be subject to a civil penalty of two thousand five  
321 hundred dollars for the first violation, and five thousand dollars for  
322 each subsequent violation. Upon appropriate justification presented to  
323 the commissioner by any carrier, the commissioner may make a  
324 determination to reduce any such penalty.

325 Sec. 8. Section 14-227k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
326 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

327 (a) Any person who completes the terms of a license suspension and  
328 is eligible for reinstatement of such person's motor vehicle operator's  
329 license or nonresident operating privilege provided such person  
330 installs and uses a functioning, approved ignition interlock device, but  
331 who fails to install such ignition interlock device, is prohibited from  
332 operating any motor vehicle until such person installs an ignition  
333 interlock device and such person's motor vehicle operator's license or  
334 nonresident operating privilege is reinstated by the Commissioner of  
335 Motor Vehicles.

336 [(a)] (b) No person whose right to operate a motor vehicle has been  
337 restricted pursuant to an order of the court under subsection (b) of  
338 section 14-227j, by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by any  
339 provision of law that requires the use of an ignition interlock device,  
340 shall (1) request or solicit another person to blow into an ignition  
341 interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition  
342 interlock device for the purpose of providing such person with an  
343 operable motor vehicle, or (2) operate any motor vehicle not equipped  
344 with a functioning ignition interlock device or any motor vehicle that a  
345 court has ordered such person not to operate.

346 [(b)] (c) No person shall tamper with, alter or bypass the operation  
347 of an ignition interlock device for the purpose of providing an  
348 operable motor vehicle to a person whose right to operate a motor

349 vehicle has been restricted pursuant to an order of the court under  
350 subsection (b) of section 14-227j, by the Commissioner of Motor  
351 Vehicles or by any provision of law that requires the use of an ignition  
352 interlock device.

353 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision  
354 (1) of subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) or subsection ~~[(b)]~~ (c) of this section shall be  
355 guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

356 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (2) of  
357 subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section shall be subject to the penalties set  
358 forth in subsection (c) of section 14-215.

359 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Each court shall report each conviction under subsection  
360 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) or ~~[(b)]~~ (c) of this section to the Commissioner of Motor  
361 Vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-141. The  
362 commissioner shall suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or  
363 nonresident operating privilege of the person reported as convicted for  
364 a period of one year.

365 Sec. 9. Section 14-276a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
366 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

367 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
368 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing a procedure  
369 for the [physical examination and] safety training of school bus  
370 operators and operators of student transportation vehicles. Such  
371 regulations shall provide [for minimum physical requirements for  
372 such operators and] for minimum proficiency requirements for school  
373 bus operators. The safety training administered by the commissioner  
374 shall conform to the minimum requirements of number 17 of the  
375 National Highway Safety Standards. Such safety training shall include  
376 instruction relative to the location, contents and use of the first aid kit  
377 in the motor vehicle.

378 (b) No person shall operate a school bus as defined in section 14-275  
379 or a student transportation vehicle as defined in section 14-212, as

380 amended by this act, for the purpose of transporting school children  
381 unless such person has prior to the issuance or renewal of [his] such  
382 person's license endorsement: (1) Furnished evidence to the  
383 satisfaction of the commissioner that [he] such person meets the  
384 [minimum physical requirements set by the commissioner for  
385 operation of a school bus or a student transportation vehicle] physical  
386 qualification standards established in 49 CFR 391, as amended from  
387 time to time; (2) successfully completed a course in safety training  
388 [administered by the commissioner] and, in the case of school bus  
389 operators, passed an examination in proficiency in school bus  
390 operation given by the commissioner. Such proficiency examination  
391 shall include a road test administered in either a type I school bus  
392 having a gross vehicle weight exceeding ten thousand pounds or a  
393 type II school bus having a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand  
394 pounds or less. Any operator administered a road test in a type II  
395 school bus [only] shall not be eligible for a license to operate a type I  
396 school bus. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection  
397 shall be deemed to have committed an infraction.

398 (c) Any town or regional school district may require its school bus  
399 operators to have completed a safety training course in the operation  
400 of school buses, consisting of a minimum of ten hours of behind-the-  
401 wheel instruction and three hours of classroom instruction.

402 (d) A carrier shall require each person whom it intends to employ to  
403 operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275, or a student  
404 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, as amended by this  
405 act, to submit to a urinalysis drug test in accordance with the  
406 provisions of sections 31-51v and 31-51w and shall require each person  
407 it employs to operate such vehicles to submit to a urinalysis drug test  
408 on a random basis in accordance with the provisions of section 31-51x  
409 and the standards set forth in 49 CFR Parts 382 and 391. No carrier  
410 may employ any person who has received a positive test result for  
411 such test which was confirmed as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3)  
412 of section 31-51u. No carrier may continue to employ as a driver, for  
413 two years, any person who has received a positive test result for such

414 test which was confirmed as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of  
415 subsection (a) of section 31-51u. No carrier may continue to employ as  
416 a driver, permanently, any person who has received a second positive  
417 test result for such test which was confirmed as provided in  
418 subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 31-51u. The  
419 commissioner may, after notice and hearing, impose a civil penalty of  
420 not more than one thousand dollars for the first offense and two  
421 thousand five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense on any  
422 carrier which violates any provision of this subsection.

423       Sec. 10. Section 14-46b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
424 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

425       (a) There is established within the department a Motor Vehicle  
426 Operator's License Medical Advisory Board, which shall advise the  
427 commissioner on the medical aspects and concerns of licensing  
428 operators of motor vehicles. The board shall consist of not less than  
429 eight members or more than fifteen members who shall be medical  
430 professionals and who shall be appointed by the commissioner. [from  
431 a list of nominees submitted by the] The Connecticut State Medical  
432 Society, the Connecticut Association of Optometrists [ ] and [such  
433 other] any professional medical associations or organizations [that  
434 have as] whose members include physician assistants or advanced  
435 practice registered nurses [ . The Connecticut State Medical Society and  
436 such other organizations shall] may submit nominees [representing]  
437 for appointment to the board for the commissioner's consideration  
438 who represent the specialties of (1) general medicine or surgery, (2)  
439 internal medicine, (3) cardiovascular medicine, (4) neurology or  
440 neurological surgery, (5) ophthalmology or optometry, (6) orthopedics,  
441 (7) psychiatry, [and] or (8) occupational medicine. [The Connecticut  
442 Association of Optometrists shall submit nominees representing the  
443 specialty of optometry.]

444       (b) Initially, three members shall be appointed for a two-year term,  
445 three members for a three-year term and the remainder of the  
446 members for a four-year term. Appointments thereafter shall be for

447 four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner for  
 448 the unexpired portion of a term. The commissioner shall designate the  
 449 [chairman] chairperson of the board.

450 (c) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall be  
 451 reimbursed for necessary expenses or services incurred in performing  
 452 their duties, including the giving of testimony at any administrative  
 453 hearing when requested by the commissioner. Medical professionals  
 454 who are not members of the board and conduct examinations at the  
 455 request of the board shall be compensated for these examinations.

456 (d) The board shall meet at the call of the commissioner at least  
 457 annually. Special meetings may be held to fulfill the responsibilities  
 458 specified in section 14-46c.

459 (e) Any meeting of the board in which the medical condition of any  
 460 individual is discussed for purposes of making a recommendation on  
 461 his or her fitness to operate a motor vehicle shall be held in executive  
 462 session.

463 (f) As used in this section and section 14-46c, "medical professional"  
 464 means a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice  
 465 registered nurse or optometrist.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |            |
| Section 1                                                                     | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-22(a)   |
| Sec. 2                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-28      |
| Sec. 3                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-34a     |
| Sec. 4                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 51-164n(b) |
| Sec. 5                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-44(b)   |
| Sec. 6                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-44(h)   |
| Sec. 7                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-276     |
| Sec. 8                                                                        | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | 14-227k    |
| Sec. 9                                                                        | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-276a    |
| Sec. 10                                                                       | <i>July 1, 2019</i>    | 14-46b     |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement recommendations by the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding motor vehicle registration notice, the International Registration Plan, carriers, the Medical Advisory Board and other motor vehicle statutes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*